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Title

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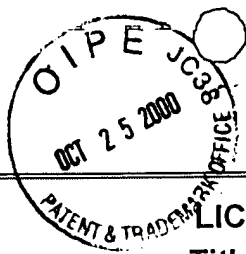
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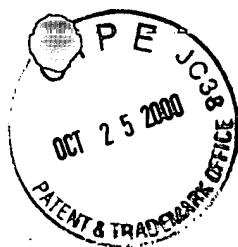
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Ricardo AZPIROZ, Sunghwa CHOE and Kenneth A. FELDMANN for DWF4 POLYNUCLEOTIDES, POLYPEPTIDES AND USES THEREOF claiming priority to provisional patent applications serial nos. 60/119,657 filed February 11, 1999 and 60/119,658 filed February 11, 1999.

Enclosed are:

- 16 sheets of drawings.
- ___ A claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119/363 in
___ a separate document ___ the declaration.
- X A claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)(1) in
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DWF4 POLYNUCLEOTIDES, POLYPEPTIDES AND USES THEREOF

5 CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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TECHNICAL FIELD

The present invention relates to novel polynucleotides isolated from dwarf plants. The *dwf4* polynucleotides encode all, or a portion of, a DWF4 polypeptide, a cytochrome P450 enzyme that mediates multiple steps in synthesis of
15 brassinosteroids. The present invention also relates to isolated polynucleotides that encode regulatory regions of *dwf4*. Uses of the *dwf4* polypeptides and polynucleotides are also disclosed.

BACKGROUND

20 Plant growth is accomplished by orderly cell division and tightly regulated cell expansion. In plants, the contribution of cell expansion to growth is of much greater significance than in most other organisms; all plant organs owe their final size to a period of significant cell elongation, which usually follows active cell division. Further, the sessile nature of plants requires that they make fine but responsive
25 adjustments in growth to survive harsh environmental conditions and to optimize their use of limited resources (Trewavas (1986) "Resource allocation under poor growth conditions: A major role for growth substances in developmental plasticity" In Plasticity in Plants, D.H. Jennings and A.J. Trewavas, eds (Cambridge, UK: Company of Biologists Ltd.), pp. 31-76).

30 In Arabidopsis, cell elongation is largely responsible for hypocotyl growth in germinating seedlings and extension of inflorescences (bolting) at the end of vegetative growth. Coordinate control of plant growth is regulated by both external